

Tiffany's Dance Academy Presents the Performing Company

Hip-Hop Crew 2021-22!

Age Requirement: Members of the Hip Hop Crew are ages 7-18. You must have at least one full year of Hip Hop technique to participate in the Hip Hop Crew.

Sample Class Requirements for the TDA Hip Hop Crew

1 – Hip Hop Class – 45 minutes

1 – Hip Hop rehearsal – 30 minutes

Dancers can be a member of just the Hip Hop crew, or they may participate in Crew + any other groups.

General costs involved in participating in the TDA Hip Hop Crew

Tuition: Your monthly tuition is directly related to how many hours per week your dancer takes class. Approximate total tuition cost is determined when the dancer's specific level and class load is announced after the placement audition. On average, the Hip Hop Crew tuition is \$75 per month per dancer.

Costumes: Costumes are custom designed by the choreographer and tailored to fit each dancer. They cost from \$150-\$200 each depending on the dance and costume manufacturer. We make every effort to keep these costs down without compromising the artistic quality of the dance and the durability of the garment. All dancers are measured and costumes are ordered during the fall. Hip Hop Crew dancers have one competition costume.

Make-Up and Accessories: Each dancer is required to purchase a pair of earrings and choker. They cost approximately \$13-\$15 for the earrings and \$20-\$30 for the choker. They will also need some basic make-up. We recommend the make-up from Mode Dion which runs about \$50.

Shoes and Tights for Competitions: Shoe and tight requirements for Hip Hop Crew are determined and announced once we've finalized the costume design. Members of the Hip Hop Crew are normally required to purchase a specific shoe for their performance.

Rehearsal and class attire: There is no specific attire required for Hip Hop classes.

Company Warm-ups: The cost for Warm-ups is approximately \$120 for personalized/embroidered jacket. Rhinestones may be added for an additional \$45.

Summer Training Requirements: Dance is a year-round activity that requires training in the summer months to maintain technique and encourage growth. We hold summer dance intensives for all dancers during the summer months. Intensive classes include ballet, tap, jazz, hip hop and lyrical. The cost is \$45 per day and the hours generally run from 9am-12noon each day for our younger dancers and 12:30-3:30

for our older dancers. Dancers who only participate in the Hip Hop Crew are required to choose 2 days to attend over the course of the 3 weeks offered.

Performing Company Showcase: Each year towards the end of January we host our Performing Company Showcase at Chabot College. This gives the dancers a chance to have dress rehearsal, prior to competitions, on a real stage with a real audience. In addition, it gives you the chance to see all the dances and invite all your family, friends, and neighbors to attend. There is a per Performing Company family fee of \$75.

Performing Opportunities: A full schedule of performing opportunities will be given to all company parents before costume deposits are due. Hip Hop Crew attends 1 dance convention and 2 dance competitions.

What is a Dance Convention?

Dance Conventions are weekend long events where master teachers from across the nation hold classes. Conventions are awesome for young dancers. Our dancers meet dancers from other studios, and they are mentored by top-notch professionals. These master teachers inspire young dancers and are great role models. Over the two days dancers take classes in tap, jazz, hip-hop, lyrical, musical theatre as well as have an opportunity to audition for national scholarships to private professional studios. Conventions also include a competition where the master teachers comprise the panel of judges. The costs for conventions and competitions vary from event to event. Most of our events take place in the spring. This results in a large amount of the payments for these events coming due in January and February. It would be typical for a parent to be asked to pay costume balances and 2 performance opportunities all in the month of January.

Convention and Competition costs:

Conventions - \$180-\$200 (Depending on age group) plus competition fees – see below.

Observers Passes for Parents or Guardians - \$45-\$48 per person

Competition Fees- \$50-\$60 per dancer per group dance (depending on competition)

Summary of General Expenses in addition to monthly tuition for Hip Hop Crew

- **Costume - \$150-\$200 each.** Each dancer is cast in 1 Hip Hop Crew dance.
- **Convention** – One Convention at the approximate cost of \$180 per dancer Convention fees and \$40-\$50 per dance Competition fees.
- **Competition** - Two Competitions at the approximate cost of \$50-\$60 per dance Competition fee.
- **Make-up** – Approximately \$50
- **Summer Intensive** - 2 days of class at approximately \$45 per day.
- **Performing Company Showcase** - \$75 per dancer.

Placement

Following placement, dancers are added into their class schedules in our management system by TDA staff prior to the May registration day for the 2021-22 Season. Parents may then log into their TDA parent portal to view their dancer's schedule. Paying August tuition guarantees your classes and acceptance into the TDA Performing Company.

My dancer is ready to participate in the TDA Hip Hop Crew!

Wonderful! Each year all TDA Hip Hop Crew dancers must audition for placement into the TDA Performing Company. This is a "Placement" Audition – **No dancers are eliminated**. This audition is for **group placement** purposes only. All dancers are evaluated and grouped according to the ability of the dancer and artistic vision of the director/choreographer. All decisions are final.

To register your dancer for the placement audition please call or see your studio manager at (925) 447-5299, or email Robbie Teruya, Performing Company Director at robbie@tiffanydance.com. If your dancer is unable to attend the audition please sign up anyway. They will be placed based on their teachers' recommendations.